



The Journal

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The Alabama Baptist

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MINISTERS

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Bro. Morgan Bailey
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Bro. Michael Gay
STUDENT MINISTER

Kerri Brown
MINISTRY ASSISTANT
PASTOR / FINANCES

Mae McDonald
MINISTRY ASSISTANT
EDUCATION / ADMINISTRATION

Sunday
Worship Celebrations
9:00 A.M./10:30 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

Sunday Schools
9:00 A.M./10:30 A.M.

Discipleship
4:45 P.M.

Mid Week Service
6:30 P.M.

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JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

December 12
Adult Choir Musical
"God Coming Down"
6:00pm

December 18
Children's (3yr old-6th Grader)
Birthday Party for Jesus
9-Noon, Family Chapel

December 19
"The Christmas Visitor"
Both am services
No pm activities

December 22
Family Candlelight Service
6:30pm



2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

National Goal: \$175 Million

Week of Prayer for International Missions
and International Mission Study

December 5th - December 12th

Our Church Goal:

\$18,852

Received to date: \$8,436.00

imb.org/offering



NO PRESCHOOL
& CHILDREN
DISCIPLESHP TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES
IN DECEMBER!

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!



**Ken & Vicki
Mecom** (Letters)
2032 Long Leaf Lake
Circle
Bessemer, AL 35022
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DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Available in Office,
Welcome Center &
Foyer

"Jesus the Light of the
World."

Read daily
devotionals
leading
up to HIS Birth!



Abbreviation meanings:

A.A. = Alcoholics Anonymous CLT = Church Leadership Team FLC = Family Life Center
ABC = Always be Christian,
Cheerful & Creative CW = Children's Wing WC = Worship Center
BTF = Bridge to the Future EB = Education Building YAH = Young At Heart

"The Canaan Family is on a journey loving God, sharing life, serving others and showing Jesus to our world."
Process Statement

Journal Publication Requirements

All articles must be in by Thursday, to make publication the following week.

From The Editor

- KEYBOX CODES FOR DECEMBER** - If you have a need to access the church buildings after normal office hours — contact the office during office hours to obtain the appropriate codes.
- FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE** available at the welcome center.



MINISTRY TEAMS, Please check your mailboxes in the mailroom **WEEKLY.**

WEDNESDAY **“Faith Factor”**
Service **Mission Program**
December 8 **by**
Lottie Moon **RA’s & GA’s**
Week of Prayer **6:30pm**
Emphasis **(Family Chapel)**

CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Family,

2010 is winding down so it only leaves us a few short weeks to finalize our **contribution reports**. All gifts need to be in the office or post marked no later than 12/31/10, to count on your 2010 contribution statement. You can access your report online through our website www.canaanbaptist.net. If you do not have access to internet, feel free to contact me in the church office and I’ll be glad to assist you.

Your sister in Christ, **Kerri Brown**

BIRTHDAYS

In the Canaan family, Dec 10 - 16

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| Ruth Mahan (12/10) | David Foreman (12/13) |
| Deidra Hand (12/10) | Jean Childers (12/14) |
| Sallie Foster (12/10) | Jacquelyn Hogan (12/14) |
| Deidra Lopez (12/10) | Megan Graham (12/14) |
| Jerry Bartlett (12/11) | Roberta Moore (12/15) |
| Jamie Todd (12/11) | Chris Yates (12/15) |
| Gage Cain (12/11) | Hunter Bryant (12/15) |
| Lynn Heaton (12/12) | Eddie Vining (12/16) |
| Brenda Warren (12/12) | Cindy Ross (12/16) |
| Misty Graham (12/12) | David Murphy (12/16) |
| Avery Ray (12/12) | Brandon Sampley (12/16) |
| Bo McDonald (12/13) | Joel Smith (12/16) |
| Jennifer Winfield (12/13) | |

Happy Birthday!!!

THE SHEPHERD’S JOURNAL
FROM YOUR PASTOR’S HEART

Journey to Bethlehem

“Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has now come to pass...and they found...the Babe lying in a manger” Luke 2:15

The Journey to Bethlehem continues! Our pilgrimage began last Sunday evening in a stunning way as we *Celebrated the Child*. This Sunday evening we’ll be inspired by our Adult Choir’s Christmas musical – *God Coming Down*. Parents make your plans to bring the children to *The Birthday Party for Jesus* Saturday the 18th. Then on Sunday, December 19th the *Visitor* takes us on a trip back in time to the moment when God became flesh. We consummate the journey with our *Family Candlelight Service* on the Wednesday preceding Christmas. ***I hope you’re making plans to join us on the Journey to Bethlehem!***

Sunday afternoon, we had an encouraging meeting exploring the possibility of a Guatemala partnership. After Sunday’s meeting, our commitments have grown to over 20! Those committing to the partnership are setting aside \$500 by Sunday March 6th as their down payment for the trip. There’s still time for you to allow God to transform your life through missions! The plan would be for God to lead us to adopt an un-churched village working with our missionaries on the field. Through our annual trips we would build relationships while evangelizing the village. Over the course of 3-4 years we’d work to plant an indigenous church. ***Please join us in praying as we seek God’s Heart for His church.***

This past Sunday, I launched a new morning sermon series – *Life Lessons from Luke*. I’m looking forward to surveying the Gospel of Luke from now through Easter. We’ll examine the teachings and life of Jesus to gain valuable insights into how to *live life on purpose*.

Don’t forget our Lottie Moon Week of Prayer. Lift up our missionaries daily and plan a significant gift for missions this Sunday, if you haven’t already done so.

Your grateful partner on the Journey,
Bro Morgan

SPECIAL GIFT

A special gift was given to the Lottie Moon fund from:

- **Liz Clayton** in loving memory of Jim Clayton.

Congratulations to . . .
Theron & Frances Howard
 Sunday, December 12, they celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary!

WEDNESDAY MEAL MENUS 2010-2011

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| 12/15, Chicken Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Yeast Roll & Dessert. | Meals will resume on 1/5, Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Tator Tots, Slaw & Dessert. |
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THE JOURNEY PASTOR
BRO. CHARLES TEAGUE

See the Star

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.”
Matthew 2:10

The Christmas season brings a reflection to the events surrounding that first Christmas. In those events, the star played a part just like everything else to alerting the world to the arrival of the Christ child. From God’s own creation, He points everyone to see Christ. As I ponder on this, I think about the long lines and the great lengths people will go to meet the *“stars of the world”* today. Yet, when it comes to Christmas, people have tried to *“cover”* the star of Christ. Don’t let the distractions of this world or people cover up your reflection of Christ! Light itself reflects off of the Son and it is up to us to reflect God’s love to a world around us. Do your best to shine bright!

Over the next few weeks, shine bright! This season is a time for a concentrated witness of what Christ is in our lives. While a real witness needs to be upfront everyday, this time of year brings a more intentional way to share our faith and shine forward about our Lord! Whether purchasing gifts or sending out cards, let everyone know it is not Christmas without Christ - *it’s just a “mess”!*

See You Sunday!
Bro Charles

SYMPATHY

The Canaan family sends Christian love and sympathy to:

- ⇒ The Mary Ruth Kohler Family (*Bettye Knighton’s sister*).
- ⇒ The Aubry Varden Family (*Paul Varden’s uncle*).

GA LOTTIE MOON MAILBOX OPENED DECEMBER 5!

Bring your Christmas cards to active members & mail in our GA Lottie Moon Mailbox. A donation box will be located at mailbox.

SUNDAY INVOLVEMENT DECEMBER 5

Morning Worship	
9:00am.....	150
10:30am.....	201
Preschool Care	48
Children Worship.....	49
Total.....	448
Bible Study..... 446	
Discipleship Training	186
Ministry Budget Offering Rec’d.....	\$23,842.89
2010 Budget Offering Req. Wkly.....	\$16,447.98
Bridge to the Future Received (219 Commitments)	\$812,498.00
BTF Offering 113 wks of 156 wks.....	\$506,748.29
BTF Offering & Property Debt Received this week	\$4,144.50

“Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice”